imbroglio to maintain communal harmony in the country;

(b) the steps taken to contain inflammatory utterances from persons/ organizations belonging to various faith; and

(c) the number of persons/organizations booked under the law for making such utterances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND): (a) The Government is of the view that the Ayodhya dispute can be resolved, either through mutual agreement among all the parties concerned or through the verdict of the judiciary. Therefore pending judicial verdict, the Government will continue to facilitate all attempts to find an amicable resolution of the dispute.

(b) and (c) The activities of organizations/individuals having a bearing on maintenance of communal harmony in the country are under constant watch of law enforcement agencies and requisite legal action, wherever necessary, is taken under the law of the land. Besides this, the Government of India shares intelligence and sends advisories/alert messages to the States/Union Territories from time to time for maintaining law and order, amity and communal harmony in the country. Under the Constitution of India it is the primary responsibility of the State Governments to maintain public order and peace including registration, investigation of crime and compilation of data relating to communal utterances, etc.

Criteria for grant under NCRF

1097. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for grant to the States from National Calamity Relief Fund;

(b) the State-wise outlays, year-wise amount released from NCRF and amount utilized during last three years till March, 2003; and

(c) the extent of damage to life, property and crop due to recent floods and erosion in Assam, amount of Central assistance released against the amount demanded by the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND): (a) As per the Scheme of National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF), which is based on recommendations of the Eleventh Finance Commission, financial assistance from NCCF is considered in the wake of a calamity of a severe nature, taking into account the funds required for relief according to the norms laid down, and the funds available in the Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) of the State Government to which the Government of India contributes 75%.

(b) A statement showing the State-wise releases made from the NCCF during the years 2000-0.1 to 2003-04 is given in enclosed statement *(see* below. The detailed accounts of the fund and the utilization of funds are maintained by the State Governments and the Accountants General.

(c) According to the preliminary information received from the Government of Assam, in the current floods, 27 people have been killed, 4660 houses have been damaged, and 2.13 lakh hectares of cropped area affected. As per the utilization reports, the State Government had Rs. 158.61 crore available in the CRF as on 1.4.2003 for meeting the expenditure on relief and rehabilitation measures in the areas affected by natural calamities including floods. No memorandum has so far been received from the Government of Assam seeking additional financial asssistance from the NCCF. However, on the request of the State Government; the Government of India has constituted an Inter-Ministeral Central Team for visiting flood-affected areas in the State to assess the damage and requirements of funds and the State Government has been requested to send the memorandum for financial assistance from NCCF quickly.

Statement

Details of the release of assistance from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) during the years 2000-01 to 2003-04

(Rs. in Crore)

SI. No.	State	Total assistance released from NCCF for the years (as on 24.7.2003)			
		2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pradesh	0	30.44	59.94	64.04
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	2.00	0	12.78	0
3.	Assam	0	0	0	0
4.	Bihar	29.67	0	0	0
5.	Chhattisgarh	40.00	42.88	100.68	26.83
6.	Goa	0	0	0	0
7.	Gujarat	585.00	994.37	. 23.29	5.15
8.	Haryana	0	0	0	2.20
9.	Himachal Pradesh	8.29	61.48	14.05	0.30
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	0	23.20	0	0
11.	Jharkhand	0	0	0	0
12.	Karnataka	0	0	196.88	10.77
13.	Kerala	0	0	0	0
14.	Madhya Pradesh	35.00	22.72	183.34	23.88
15.	Maharashtra	0	0	20.00	0
16.	Manipur	0	0	7.07	0
17.	Meghalaya	1.00	0	0	0
18.	Mizoram	0	0	0	0
19.	Nagaland	0	0	0	0
20.	Orissa	35.00	114.62	21.84	0
21.	Punjab	0	0	0	0
22.	Rajasthan	85.00	78.976	434.08	477.41
23.	Sikkim	0	0	0	0
24.	Tamil Nadu	0	0	215.99	116.10
25.	Tripura	0	0	0	0
26.	Uttar Pradesh	0	0	310.06	0.98
27.	Uttaranchal	0	0	0	0
28.	West Bengal	103.25	0	0	0
	TOTAL	924.21	1368.68	1600.00	727.66